

COUNTERDRUG OPERATIONS AND DOMESTIC HOMELAND DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

AREA OF INTEREST: Current Readiness

FY06 UFR: \$55.0M

APPN: NGPA \$ 41.0M / OMNG: \$14M

DESCRIPTION: Resources fund activities and programs associated with maintaining the 1,850 ARNG and 750 ANG personnel of the National Guard Counterdrug Program. Funding supports counterdrug homeland defense subactivities including intelligence analysis, ground/air reconnaissance, combatant command support, aviation, public lands security, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTAs), counter-narcoterrorism, training, communications, and logistics. Assets and highly-skilled personnel additionally support POTUS and special national security missions, homeland defense missions, and mobilization requirements as required by the Department of Defense.

ISSUE JUSTIFICATION: This program is required to support the President's National Drug Control Strategy to reduce drug trafficking and related crime/terrorist activities by mobilizing the infrastructure, personnel, and assets of the DoD and all of its military components. The National Guard is a critical component of the nation's effort in that it is one of the only organizations with the ability to bridge the full spectrum of Counterdrug homeland defense operations from the community to national level. Failure to fully fund this activity will seriously degrade the National Guard's ability to support its' number one priority of Homeland Defense at home and abroad.

FUNDING IMPACT: Additional funding will improve the Army's capability to support homeland defense missions and bridge operational gaps between the DoD and our nation's communities, facilitate synchronized operations, and coordinate joint military/law enforcement campaigns against drug trafficking and related transnational threats. Funding would also improve the Army's ability to support the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) and respond to multiple domestic crises by strengthening operational networks between agencies responsible for homeland security and homeland defense at all levels of government.